

Mr. Shankarnarayana Rao stated that though the Guardians and Wards Bill now before the Legislative Council enabled Deputy Commissioners of districts to apply for guardianship on behalf of a minor in certain cases, it was not incumbent on them to do so, and that, to protect the interests of minors left without proper guardians, provision should be made requiring that executive authorities should take prompt action in such cases.

Reply of Government.—There is great difficulty in requiring executive officers to take up the responsibilities of guardianship.

(Mr. Shankarnarayana Rao stated that he fully appreciated the difficulties involved in the question and offered to submit a memo through the representatives of the Assembly in the Legislative Council.)

SUBJECT No. 12.

Amendment of the Court Fees Regulation.

Mr. V. Raghavachar, Mysore Taluk.
Mr. T. Subbarayappa, Chikballapur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Court-fees in cases connected with disputes about lands in inam villages may be calculated at five times the assessment or estimated assessment as in the case of lands in Government villages.

A draft was also presented as ordered last year.

Messrs. Raghavachar and Karnik Krishnamurti offered to submit memoranda on this subject. The memoranda have since been received.

Reply of Government.—The matter will be taken up at once.

SUBJECT No. 13.

Amendment of the Court Fees Regulation or modification of the Government Order No. 2951 of 25th March 1908.

Mr. B. Narasinga Rao, Seringapatam Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Whenever a suit is filed to recover a whole survey number or a sub-number, the land is required to be valued at five times the amount of annual assessment payable on that land to Government. If the suit is to recover a portion of that number, it is insisted that the value of that portion should be the market rate, which often amounts to more than five times the assessment of the whole survey number. With a view to remove this anomaly and to avoid hardship to the litigant public, it was prayed last year (Subject No. 16) that either the Court Fees Regulation might be amended or the Government Notification No. 2951 of 25th March 1908 modified. The Government were pleased to observe that the Notification of 25th March 1908 was clear enough on the point and that if any doubt existed about its interpretation, a test case might be taken to the Chief Court.

The observations made by the Chief Justice in his notes of inspection of Mysore courts of 30th April 1910 leave no doubt as to the interpretation put upon the